

2009 Consumer Confidence Report for 15400473 EVANSVILLE WATERWORKS

Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Scott George at (608) 882-2288.

The Water & Light committee meets the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 at the Water & Light building at 15 Old Hwy 92. During 2009 the utility had one water sample that tested positive. This sample was taken at a city owned building that is used for record storage and when tested again we had a negative(safe) sample. The utility had no large water projects during 2009. We do regular maintenance on our valves and hydrants which includes flushing the hydrants twice a year. We did replace a number of valves and hydrants during the fall of the year.

Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

| Source id | Source | Depth (in feet) | Status |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | Groundwater | 1014 | Active |
| 2 | Groundwater | 995 | Active |
| 3 | Groundwater | 900 | Active |

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact Scott George at (608) 882-2288

Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Number of Contaminants Required to be Tested

This table displays the number of contaminants that were required to be tested in the last five years. The CCR may contain up to five years worth of water quality results. If a water system tests annually, or more frequently, the results from the most recent year are shown on the CCR. If testing is done less frequently, the results shown on the CCR are from the past five years.

| Contaminant Group | # of Contaminants |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Disinfection Byproducts | 2 |
| Inorganic Contaminants | 17 |
| Microbiological Contaminants | 2 |
| Radioactive Contaminants | 3 |

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| Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides | 23 |
| Unregulated Contaminants | 4 |
| Volatile Organic Contaminants | 20 |

Microbiological Contaminants

| Contaminant | MCL | MCLG | Count of Positives | Sample Date (if prior to 2009) | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|----------------|--|------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Coliform (TCR) | presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of monthly samples | 0 | 2 | | YES | Naturally present in the environment |

Inorganic Contaminants

| Contaminant (units) | MCL | MCLG | Level Found | Range | Sample Date (if prior to 2009) | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|---------------------|--------|------|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|--|
| BARIUM (ppm) | 2 | 2 | .039 | .023-.039 | 04/16/2008 | NO | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits |
| COPPER (ppm) | AL=1.3 | 1.3 | .3250 | 0 of 20 results were above the action level. | 09/10/2008 | NO | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives |
| FLUORIDE | 4 | 4 | 1.1 | .1- 1.1 | 09/17/2008 | NO | Erosion of |

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|-----------------|-------|-----|--------|--|------------|----|---|
| (ppm) | | | | | | | natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| LEAD (ppb) | AL=15 | 0 | 2.60 | 0 of 20 results were above the action level. | 09/12/2008 | NO | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |
| NICKEL (ppb) | 100 | | 3.0000 | nd- 3.0000 | 04/16/2008 | NO | Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products. |
| SODIUM (ppm) | n/a | n/a | 4.70 | 3.40- 4.70 | 04/16/2008 | NO | n/a |

Radioactive Contaminants

| Contaminant (units) | MCL | MCLG | Level Found | Range | Sample Date (if prior to 2009) | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|---|-----|------|----------------|-------------|---|-----------|----------------------------------|
| COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l) | 30 | 0 | 3.9 | 1.6- 3.9 | 03/18/2008 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits |
| GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l) | 15 | 0 | 7.4 | 5.4- 7.4 | 03/18/2008 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits |
| GROSS ALPHA, | n/a | n/a | 9.0 | 8.0- 9.0 | 03/18/2008 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits |

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| INCL. R & U (n/a) | | | | | | | |
| GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY (pCi/l) | n/a | n/a | 5.4 | 4.8- 5.4 | 03/18/2008 | NO | Decay of natural and man-made deposits. MCL units are in millirem/year. Calculation for compliance with MCL is not possible unless level found is greater than 50 pCi/l. |
| RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l) | 5 | 0 | 4.0 | 3.8- 4.0 | 03/18/2008 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits |

Health effects for any contaminants with MCL violations

| Contaminant | Health Effects |
|----------------|--|
| Coliform (TCR) | Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. |

Definition of Terms

| Term | Definition |
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| AL | Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. |
| MCL | Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. |
| MCLG | Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. |
| MFL | million fibers per liter |
| mrem/year | millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body) |

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| NTU | Nephelometric Turbidity Units |
| pCi/l | picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity) |
| ppm | parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l) |
| ppb | parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l) |
| ppt | parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter |
| ppq | parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter |
| TCR | Total Coliform Rule |
| TT | Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. |

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This section is to be completed by the owner/operator of the system required to produce a CCR for their customers.

Reporting Year: 2009

Include the time and place of regularly scheduled public meetings (Required): For example, "The Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.":

Enter a supplemental statement (Required if there are any positive E. Coli source water samples):

Name of the person to contact with questions about the content of the CCR: Scott George

Phone number of the person to contact with questions about the content of the CCR: 608-882-2288

If your system had any MCL violations during this year, describe the actions taken to correct them (Required if there were MCL violations):

Did your system test for cryptosporidium during this year? No

If so, was any cryptosporidium detected? No

If cryptosporidium was detected, please enter a summary of the results:

Did your system test for radon during this year? No

If so, was any radon detected? No

If radon was detected, enter the radon results:

Did your system detect lead above the action level of 15 ppb in 5-10% of the homes sampled? (only applies to systems that take more 10 lead samples per year): No

Enter any additional text that you would like to include on the CCR (for example, explain any unusual results, review your billing process,